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## HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held yesterday afternoon. There were present—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (SIR REGINALD EDWARD STUBBS, K.C.M.G.).  
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING THE TROOPS (Major-General SIR GEORGE MACAULAY KIRK PATRICK, K.C.S.I., K.C.B.).

Hon. Mr. CLAUD SEVERN, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Mr. J. H. KEMP, K.C., C.B.E. (Attorney-General).

Hon. Mr. C. MOI, MESSER, O.B.E. (Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. Mr. T. L. PERKINS (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. S. B. C. ROSS (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).

Hon. Mr. E. A. IRVING (Director of Education).

Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C.

Hon. Mr. LAU CHU PAK.

Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK.

Hon. Mr. HO FOOK.

Hon. Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE.

Hon. Mr. E. V. D. PAER.

NEW MEMBER.

Mr. T. L. Perkins, on appointment as Director of Public Works, took the oath and his seat as a member of the Legislative Council.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were approved and signed.

FINANCE.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of H.E. the Governor, laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 1 to 7, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

THE JURORS LIST FOR 1931.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of H.E. the Governor, laid on the table the Jurors' List for 1931.

The Council considered the list in camera.

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK gave notice of his intention to ask the following questions—

(1)—Will the Government consider the advisability of opening the Maternity Ward of the Barker Road Hospital?

(2)—Have the recommendations of the Coroner's jury on the "Tai O" tragedy been carried out as regards two European Policemen being stationed at out stations?

(3)—Will the Government, in view of the recent tragedy at West Point, wherein several persons lost their lives and many were injured, take steps at once to prohibit the sale of all so-called "Bombs" in this Colony, and further to enforce existing legislation against the drawing of crackers, stones or other missiles from verandahs of houses and buildings into the roadway?

(4)—In view of the general and considerable increase in motor traffic in this Colony, and the probability that it will further increase ere long, will the Government appoint a small Committee to enquire into and revise traffic conditions and regulations?

(5)—In view of the fact that the Chamber of Commerce has recently received many complaints concerning the efficiency of the Fire Brigade service, more particularly about, and that there is a general feeling that it is not properly equipped for dealing with all serious harbour conflagrations, will the Government at once appoint a Commission or Committee of enquiry into the gear and administration of the Fire Brigade?

HIS EXCELLENCY: I may say at once that Mr. Wolfe (Captain Superintendent of the Police and Fire Brigade) will be returning to the Colony very shortly. I understood from him that he intended to study Fire Brigade matters while at Home, and it is my intention to go thoroughly into the matter with him on his return.

Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: With that assurance, sir, I am prepared to withdraw question No. 5.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C., asked a series of questions of which notice had been previously given. The questions and the replies of the Government thereto are appended—

THE MILITARY PARADE GROUND.

Q.—In view of the pressing need of room for further office accommodation in this Colony, will the Government approach the Military authorities with a view to the Murray Parade ground being handed over to the Government at an early date?

A.—The Government is in correspondence with the Military authorities on the subject.

THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

Q.—Will the Government introduce a Bill to amend section 26A of the offences against the Person Ordinance, 1885, (which was introduced by Ordinance 9 of 1913) by inserting the words "medical aid" after "clothing" in the clause defining neglect of children and young persons, in order to bring the law of the Colony in this particular respect into line with the law of England, i.e., s. 12 (1) of the Children's Act, 1907?

A.—The question of retaining the words "medical aid" in the English Act or a variation of those words to suit local conditions was carefully considered when Ordinance 9 of 1913 was being drafted, and it was decided to omit them. There has been no change in the circumstances which caused the Government to arrive at that decision and it is not, therefore, considered desirable to amend the section in the manner proposed.

THE ADMIRALTY AND THE INCOME TAX.

Q.—In view of the fact that, in 1917 and 1918, many months of repeated representations by the Government and the Naval and Military authorities and the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce and the China Association were required in order to obtain exchange compensation for the Officers and Men of the Services, will the Government now co-operate with the local Naval authorities in protesting against the recent proposal of the Home authorities to impose income tax upon those who are serving under the Admiralty on this station?

A.—The matter is not one in which the Government of Hongkong can intervene.

The Hon. Mr. POLLOCK: With regard to the answer to Question 4, I should like to state that I did not intend to imply that there should be a mental ward inside the hospital, but a mental ward in connection with the hospital. With regard to the answer to Question No. 5, I would like to know whether the word "issue" implies publishing?

HIS EXCELLENCY: That was the intention.

THE LIGHT DUES.

PROPOSED CONTINUATION OF THE PRESENT TAX.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY moved the following resolution.

Whereas it is expected that the total revenue derived from Light Dues (Special Assessment) since the introduction of the rates at present in force will exceed in the current year the sum of \$1,104,293, being half the cost of the typhoon refuge at Mongkoktsui;

And whereas an undertaking was given that this special assessment would not be continued after the above mentioned sum had been raised unless a new resolution should first be proposed to the Legislative Council;

And whereas, in view of the financial requirements of the Colony, it is expedient to continue the collection of light dues at the present rates;

It is hereby resolved by this Council that light dues shall continue to be collected at the rates laid down in Table P of the Schedule to the Merchant Shipping Ordinance No. 10 of 1889.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY: With regard to the resolution which stands in my name—

HIS EXCELLENCY: Does the Council object to the resolution as it is on the agenda being taken as read?

The Council signified its assent.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY: When Sir Frederick Lugard submitted the original resolution for the acceptance of the Council on August 6th, 1908, he reminded the Council that in December, 1896 the unofficial members of the Council, with one exception, proposed that the light dues should be permanently increased to 24 cents per ton. Again in 1902 when a Committee was appointed to investigate possible sources of revenue it was proposed that 24 cents per ton should be levied on shipping. This figure was proposed by the Government in 1903, in connection with the construction of the typhoon refuge at Mongkoktsui, but in deference to the views expressed by the shipping interests, the dues were reduced to two cents. The shipping interests at that time said they viewed the proposal to raise the light dues with grave apprehension and drew, in the words of the Governor, a very doleful picture of the ruin and disaster that was going to overtake the Colony in consequence of the extra cent on light dues. The increase in the light dues, however, has not been felt. It has had no effect on the volume of shipping using this port. There has been no protest of any kind since their imposition. I would like to remind honourable members that the necessity for additional revenue is as urgent now as it was in 1908, and also that the Government has incurred, and is going to incur, considerable expenditure on account of shipping and, in the interest of shipping, both in regard to the institution of diaphanous apparatus at Waglan Light, and the provision of directional wireless apparatus at Cape D'Aguilar, and there will also possibly be very large expenditure on the harbour development which is now under consideration by Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice. The Government is fully alive to the danger of imposing undue taxation on an industry which is the lifeblood of the Colony, but I submit that the continuation of the light dues places no undue burden on the shipping industry and I beg to move the resolution.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded.

The Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: I beg to move on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce that this resolution be not discussed at length at this meeting but be adjourned to a subsequent meeting of the Council. We had a most specific promise from Sir Frederick Lugard that this tax would be only a temporary one. In a letter to the Chamber of Commerce on July 25th, 1908, the Government stated that it was not intended to make the extra light dues then put on permanent, but that they were to serve the temporary purpose of paying for the typhoon shelter.

## LOANS FOR BUILDING HOMES.

Q.—For the convenience of those who desire to build houses for their own occupation, will the Government state the terms and conditions upon which it is prepared to grant loans for the building of such houses?

A.—The Government regrets that it does not feel able in present circumstances to increase the already large amount locked up in advances for building houses.

Q.—Will the Government give a list of the various houses and flats which are being built with loans advanced by the Government and the dates of such respective loans and the estimated respective dates of completion of such houses and flats?

A.—The list is as follows:—

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1. L.E. 3139	May Road	6 flats	30-10-21	Humphreys Estate Co., Ltd.	\$300,000	\$200,000
2. K.L.E. 3857	do.	12 "	15- 3-23	Procurator Spanish Missions	80,000	80,000
3. K.L.E. 417	Hart Avenue	18 "	30-6-21	Keynoughty & Co.	60,000	14-0-30
4. N.K.L. 102	do.	12 "	15- 2-23		60,000	31-7-38
5. N.K.L. 19, 20, 23 and 23	Mathan Road	15 "	31- 3-21		100,000	18-0-38
6. K.L.E. 016	Shamshunjo	32 houses	1-6-21	L.I. Fing	120,000	1- 3-5
7. L.E. 76	Kimberly Rd.	13 flats	1-1-23	H. M. H. Nemaize	6,000	31-13-3
8. L.E. 76	Talpo	1 house	completed	R. Baker	50,000	14-7-3
9. L.E. 63 and 670	St. Paul's College	Hostel	do.	Archbishop of Canterbury	75,000	nothing
	St. Joseph's College	Not known	Not known	Wear Apostolic		.....



3.—The rights of officers who shall have left the service before the commencement of the Ordinance will not be affected.

4.—The Widows' and Orphans' Pension (Amendment) Ordinance, 1914, is repealed because it merely introduced the definition of the term "officer" which is now being repealed.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said:—The object of this Bill is to except from the operation of the Pension Ordinance the Indian and Chinese members of the Police Force, and to fix a higher limit than the present, below which officers will not be required to contribute. At present officers drawing \$240 a year, and over, are required to contribute. The new limit proposed by this Bill is \$420, which is the minimum pay of the clerical service under the revised salary scheme. It is believed that persons affected by this Bill will welcome relief from liability to contribute. Persons who have left the service before the commencement of the Ordinance will not be affected. Persons who are in the service, but who do not fall within the new definition of the term "officer" will have given them an option of either continuing their contributions, or withdrawing; and they must make their election within a certain time—in the case of officers not on leave, within one month of the passing of the Ordinance, and in the case of officers on leave, within one month of their return from leave.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the first reading of the Bill was approved.

#### HOLT'S WHARF ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of a Bill intitled an Ordinance to authorise the making of by-laws in respect of Holt's Wharf.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded and the Bill was read a second time.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: I beg to move that the Council do now go into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

The Council went into Committee, considered the Bill clause by clause, and the Council was then resumed.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the third reading of the Bill respecting Holt's Wharf.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the Bill was read a third time.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee followed the meeting of the Council, the Colonial Secretary presiding.

**REPAIRS TO RAILWAY EMBANKMENT.**

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$3,625 in aid of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, special expenditure, repairs to railway embankment. Approved.

**SECRET SERVICE.**

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$3,925 in aid of the vote Imports and Exports Department, other charges, secret service. Approved.

**A F.W.D. VOTE.**

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$2,474 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, communications, roads.—Road contouring Mount Gough and forming sites for quarters.

The CHAIRMAN: This sum is a re-vote of the unexpended balance of the vote for 1920, required to pay off a contractor. Approved.

**TYPHOONS AND RAINSTORM DAMAGES.**

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$3,000 in aid of the vote Kowloon-Canton Railway, special expenditure, typhoon and rainstorm damages.

The CHAIRMAN: This is a re-vote as regards \$2,675.54, of a sum of \$4,500 voted in August, 1920. The balance of \$323 is required to complete the work. Approved.

**THE TRAINING OF MOTOR-CAR DRIVERS.**

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$750 in aid of the vote Kowloon-Canton Railway, special expenditure, expenses in connection with motor-car drivers.

The CHAIRMAN: This sum is in connection with the training of motor-car drivers. The expenditure to December 31st, 1920, was \$1,500 for gear, and for garage \$800, and it now requires to complete the garage, and for drainage, and lighting and an engine \$750. The garage is costing rather more than the original estimate owing to the cost of drainage and lighting not having been included.

Mr. Lambert of the Railway obtained an engine which he offered to the Government at cost, and this engine will serve the purposes of the school. The running expenses were included in the 1921 estimates, so that \$750 only are now required. Approved.

**FIRE PROTECTION AT KOWLOON RAILWAY STATION.**

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$1,200 in aid of the vote Kowloon-Canton Railway, special expenditure, additional hydrants and main for Kowloon Station.

The CHAIRMAN: No provision was made in the estimates for this year. The additional hydrants and main are considered necessary for the protection of the station and goods shed.

Approved.

**LOCOMOTIVES.**

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$14,000 in aid of the vote Kowloon-Canton Railway, special expenditure, locomotives.

The CHAIRMAN explained that by an oversight this money which was due to Messrs. Bailey & Co., was not provided for in the estimates.

Approved.

#### SUMMARY COURT.

[BEFORE THE PRISON JUDGE, (MR. J. R. WOOD).]

##### HOMUNTIN BUNGALOW CASE.

The hearing was resumed, yesterday, of the action in which the Rev. Father Henriques sued Mr. George Theodore Lam for \$205 as compensation for damage which it was alleged the building of the defendant's house in Homuntin caused to the fence walls and compound of the plaintiff's property adjoining.

Mr. M. K. Lo (for the defence) said that since the session of the Court the previous day the plaintiff's property had been inspected by Mr. A. G. Hewitt, architect for the defendant, and Mr. Robert Baker, engineer to the Kowloon-Canton Railway. They had found cracks in a wall other than that which was the subject of the action, as well as cracks in the other side of the house. "There were cracks all over the place," said Mr. Lo.

His Lordship: That puts an entirely different complexion on the whole matter. Mr. Lo: Entirely.

His Lordship: I think you had better call evidence.

Mr. Lo suggested that His Lordship view the property. This was agreed to.

Mr. Baker, re-called, said he had found a crack against one of the buttresses in the north wall similar to that in the east wall.

Mr. Lo: Did you make a calculation of the weight on the subsoil of the north wall?

Mr. Baker said the pressure of the north wall was about 645 pounds to the square foot, compared with about 1,002 pounds for the east wall.

Mr. Hewitt, re-called, said that he had inspected the property overnight, and again that morning. He found the north wall cracked through in front of one of the buttresses of the wall, about 4 or 5 feet to the west of the north-west corner of the building. He found three or four cracks in the wall above the window heads in the north wall of the north building.

The Court adjourned that his Lordship and the parties might view the site.

On the resumption, Mr. Lo addressed the Court for the defence, quoting a number of precedents and leading cases bearing on the point.

His Lordship said he understood Mr. Lo to argue that compression of the soil on the defendant's site did not constitute a withdrawal of support from the plaintiff's site; but, even assuming that it did, the defence urged (1) that the plaintiff could not succeed because he was not entitled to support on made ground, (2) he was not entitled to support of the land because both lots had not been derived by the parties from a common private owner, (3) that if the plaintiff's claim was based upon the fact that he, having made a certain use of his land, his neighbours were limited in the use to which they could put their land, then the statement of claim did not cover that ground and he could not be heard in support of that contention,—except on terms, which he did not apply for.

His Lordship intimated that he attached no importance to the question of the original ownership of the land (point No. 2, above) and Mr. Lewis said the plaintiff did not claim point No. 3.

Mr. Lewis then addressed the Court, for the plaintiff. He said he based his claim on the common law right of an owner of land to the support naturally afforded by the surrounding ground. The defendant had as much right to build as the plaintiff had, but, finding the circumstances of the soil what they were, it was incumbent on him so to use his land as not to cause damage to his neighbours' land, or to the property on that land. Mr. Lewis went on to argue that the defendant's architect had adopted building measures better suited to the soil peculiar to the district.

As to the common law right to the natural support of neighbouring ground, his Lordship asked, "What about made ground?"

Mr. Lewis: Natural ground is ground in the state in which it is when you get it.

His Lordship: "Here they built on two mud pies, side by side. Have they a mutual right of support?"

Mr. Lewis: There is not a single house on the Peak standing on natural ground. If a syndicate of people took land on the Peak, cut it down and used the cut-away material in the form of made ground; then each built a house on the land, would they not have the same rights against one another as if they took the land of the Hongkong Cricket Club and built there? When does land cease to be natural and become artificial?

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#### CORRESPONDENCE.

##### A SUBTLE COMPLIMENT.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—Mr. A. H. Crook the other evening had the politeness to characterise one of my proposals as "idiotic." At first I thought that Mr. Crook's parents must have omitted to pay the usual "tuppence" for manners, but, hearing that he was a great scholar, I thought it advisable to look up the meaning of the word "idiot" in a dictionary.

I found that it meant "a private person," i.e., not a Government official, like Mr. Crook, and I then understood that a veiled compliment was intended.

Yours truly,

F. B. BOWLEY.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1921.

##### DEFRAUDING A WIDOW.

##### SENTENCE OF SIX MONTHS' HARD LABOUR.

In connection with the case of obtaining jewellery on false pretences from a widow, living in Wyndham Street, which was recently preferred against a Chinese youth, the Magistrate was informed yesterday, on the reopening of the case, that the shroff employed at Mr. G. R. Haywood's office, who had been cited by the defendant as his witness, had indignantly denied that he had anything to do with the defendant. It was shown that the defendant was a native of Heungshan and was a ticket-collector at a local cinema at one time.

In inflicting a sentence of six months' hard labour, the Magistrate warned the defendant to stay away from the Colony after the service of his term of imprisonment.

##### SAILORS ON SPREE.

##### WARNING BY MAGISTRATE.

That drunken sailors who cause trouble ashore will in future have to go to jail without the option of a fine if brought before him was the warning given by Mr. G. N. Orme, at the Magistracy, yesterday, when ordering Robert Macgregor, a seaman of H.M.S. *Hawkins* to pay a fine of \$30 or serve ten days' hard labour, on charges of (1) having been disorderly, and acting in a riotous manner in Spring Garden Lane on the night of February 12th, and (2) having caused damage to a door of one of the houses to the extent of \$2.

The defendant admitted that he was drunk, but said that while he would not deny the other charges he could not enter any plea as he did not remember what happened.

Sergeant Shaffin, of No. 2 Police Station, said that about 9 p.m., on the 12th a girl came to the station and reported that a sailor was creating a disturbance in the lane. The witness went there and saw the defendant throwing stones into one of the houses. Attempts to persuade the defendant to enter a ricksha and go away failed. Defendant, who used very filthy language, grasped witness by the legs and tried to throw him. "Consequently witness had to draw his truncheon and hit the defendant on the head before he could quieten him. The large stone produced was alleged by the girls to have been hurled by the defendant into the house, damaging a door. This sort of thing was becoming common in Wan-chai. Hitherto the police had settled such cases out of Court by asking the defendants to pay compensation, but lately these people had got into the habit of assaulting the police. Only recently the Magistrate had a couple of cases of a similar character before him.

The Magistrate said that in the recent case before him he had dealt with the defendant leniently because he was not aware then that it was not the first case of the kind in the district.

His Lordship: That is the difficulty.

Mr. Lewis: I say this land is as natural now as it ever will be.

His Lordship: If the plaintiff had waited longer, till the soil had consolidated, the weight of the defendant's building would not have affected him. You were building on mud; assuming you started a little too soon, are you entitled to claim support from your neighbours, or do you not owe it to them to delay building until your site is hard?

Mr. Lewis: All I ask is to retain the support that I had, in fact, at the time the defendant began to build his house.

His Lordship: If you had three months' start in your building operations, you would control theirs to some extent.

Mr. Lewis: I am entitled, at all times, to the support which the sub-adjacent and adjacent soil gives me, whether it is good support or bad support, and nobody is entitled to take that support, such as it is, away from me.

His Lordship intimated that he would reserve judgment.

#### SPORT.

##### FOOTBALL.

##### TO-MORROW'S 2ND DIVISION FIXTURES.

Below are the 2nd Div. League fixtures for to-morrow:—

United v. Club, St. Joseph ground, 3 p.m.

Staffs v. Carlisle, Sockumpoo ground, 3 p.m.

Kowloon v. Indians, Navy "B" ground, 3 p.m.

The R.G.A. Res. v. Punjabis match has been brought forward from April 2nd. It will be played on the Navy "A" ground, at 3 p.m.

##### LEAGUE TABLE.

##### 2ND DIVISION.

Below is the result of the 2nd Division League up to and including February 12th. "Owing to the Club de Recreo not being able to field a team they have resigned from the league as from February 1st. The league carries on as it is, minus the games played against the Club de Recreo since the league started.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	G.	P.
R.G.A. Res.	13	10	2	1	47	12	22
St. Joseph's	11	9	1	1	33	7	19
United	12	7	1	4	24	24	15
Others United	13	6	3	4	24	16	15
South China	13	7	1	5	25	21	15
Kowloon	13	4	3	6	22	19	13
Carlisle	10	5	1	4	15	11	11
Indians	14	5	0	9	17	32	10
Staff & Depts.	11	3	9	6	15	21	8
Hongkong Club	13	3	0	10	15	33	8
Punjabis	14	2	0	12	11	68	4

##### KOWLOON v. ST. JOSEPH'S.

This match in the 2nd round of the Hongkong shield competition will be played on the Navy "A" ground to-morrow, (kick-off, 4.30 p.m.). Kowloon team:—W. Crocker, F. Wheeler and T. L. Knight; J. Coupland, A. Weyman and B. Pasco; C. Millard, J. Mair, B. E. Townsend, F. Evelyn and P. Bessley.

##### KOWLOON v. INDIAN R.C.

This match in the 2nd div. of the League will be played on the Navy "B" ground to-morrow (kick-off, 3 p.m.). Kowloon team:—W. Musket, S. Adams and A. Spary; C. E. Stewart, S. Hewer and R. Roberts; E. Donovan, A. Palmer, J. Coombs, K. Mason and A. Estorffe.

##### BILLIARDS.

##### AN AUCTION HANDICAP.

At the Palace Hotel, last night, Ho Shai Cheong (—150) defeated J. Jeffreys (—75) by 37 points and W. G. Gerrard (—150) beat J. Cassin (—50) by 13 points (games of 250 up).

Tonight Sgt. Allen and R. A. Cyrell met J. Parkes and T. Reeves, respectively.

##### THE RACES.

##### PONIES IN TRAINING.

At yesterday's gallops Empire Dahlia, which is in favour for the Derby went the 1 1/4 miles in 3.30.1, last quarter 30.1. Honesty Dahlia did it in 3.24, last quarter 32.1. Hatton, one of Mr. Stephen's Derby candidates, did the distance in 3.23.3, last quarter 33.2.

Among the best performances over the mile and a quarter were Dandy Child, and Siamese Cat in company in 2.40.3; St. Anthony, 2.50, Triumph 2.53.1, Delight Dahlia 2.53.4.

Over the mile, the best times were Merry Sand 2.16, Last Chance 2.15, Conqueror Dahlia 2.15, White Clover 2.10, Tweedledum 2.16.1.

##### CROWN PRINCE OF JAPAN.

##### HIS IMPENDING VISIT TO EUROPE.

The Consul for Japan kindly informs us that he has received a cable from the Prime Minister which states that the impending visit of H.I.H. the Crown Prince to Europe will be solely for the purposes of education and observation, and with no other object.

After his visit to England His Imperial Highness will tour those countries which were closely associated in the late war. It is essential that the Prince should make these visits while the effects of the ravages of the war and the resulting chaos in Europe can be witnessed, and the present tour has been hastened on that account.

As His Imperial Highness is to be away only six months there will not be time enough for the Prince to visit America. Consequently the American trip has been postponed till a more favourable opportunity.

While it is quite usual in European countries for members of Royal families to visit each other, there is no precedent in Japan for this. It is anticipated that the Crown Prince will be greatly benefited by the tour.

His Imperial Highness will probably be calling at Hongkong about March 10th.

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TICKETS of Admission to the Grand Stand and Enclosure may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Limited, or at the Gate. Price \$4 for each day or \$12 for the Meeting.  
No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.  
R. J. PATTERSON,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, February 17th, 1921. [452]

## THE CHINA BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

(In Voluntary Liquidation.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Office of the Liquidator, Chartered Bank Building, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 19th day of MARCH, 1921, at 12 noon precisely, for the purpose of having the account of the Liquidator, showing the manner in which the Wind-up has been conducted and the property of the Company consigned and sold, and of the Liquidator, and of a carrying up explanation that may be given by the Liquidator and to pass his remuneration and also to sanction certain payments.  
E. A. M. WILLIAMS, C.A., F.S.A.A.,  
Liquidator.  
Hongkong, February 18th, 1921. [413]



## GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC.

TENDERS FOR SPECIE AND MEXICAN DOLLARS, current in this Colony, for Telegraphic Transfer, to the Liquidator, Chartered Bank Building, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 19th day of MARCH, 1921, at 12 noon precisely, for the purpose of having the account of the Liquidator, showing the manner in which the Wind-up has been conducted and the property of the Company consigned and sold, and of the Liquidator, and of a carrying up explanation that may be given by the Liquidator and to pass his remuneration and also to sanction certain payments.  
E. A. M. WILLIAMS, C.A., F.S.A.A.,  
Liquidator.  
Hongkong, February 18th, 1921. [413]

The tenders to state the total amount (in Pounds Sterling). No Telegraphic Transfer will be made for less than £100.  
The tenders to be in duplicate, and in sealed covers, addressed to the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, ARMY PAY DEPARTMENT, and endorsed "TENDERS FOR GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC."  
The right to accept or reject any or all of the tenders is reserved.  
Copies of Forms of Tender can be had on application.

Persons tendering for (Bills) are hereby notified that, having regard to the provisions of the Acts 22 George III, Cap. 45 and 41 George III, Cap. 45, the acceptance of any such Tender is subject to the express condition that no Member of the British House of Commons or of the House of Lords, or any part in or to any benefit to arise from the Contract thereby made, for the allotment of such (Bills).  
The provisions in question do not apply to Contracts entered into by any incorporated Company in its corporate capacity, and made for the general benefit of the Company.  
A. DELACOMBE, Lt.-Col.,  
Treasury Chest Officer, R.A.F.C.,  
His Majesty's Treasury Office,  
Hongkong, February 18th, 1921. [454]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
The Steamship "LOWTHER CASTLE"  
FROM NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded, unless notice to the contrary be given before 17th February.  
No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd Feb. will be subject to rent.  
All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 4th March, on or after which date all broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 23rd Feb. at 10 A.M.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, February 17th, 1921. [455]

STRUTHERS & DIXON, (INC.)  
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
S.S. "WEST HENSHAW"  
FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Steamship  
"WEST HENSHAW"  
having arrived from San Francisco, six ports, on Feb. 17th, 1921. Consignees are hereby notified that their Cargo is being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk.  
Consignees of Cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports & Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.  
All broken, chafed and damaged Cargo is to be left in the Godowns where it will be examined at 10 A.M. on February 22nd, 1921, by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke.  
All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized. No Claims will be recognized after the Goods have left the Godowns, and Cargo undelivered on and after February 24th, 1921, will be subject to rent.  
Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.  
STRUTHERS & DIXON, INC.  
Div. of Ops. U.S. Shipping Board,  
AMERICAN FLEET CORPORATION,  
Hongkong, February 17th, 1921. [456]

## INTIMATIONS

## NOTICE.

THE SHARE-HOLDERS of the BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE OHINE are herewith informed that an INTERIM DIVIDEND of Frs. 20 per Share will be paid from FEBRUARY 1st, 1921, on presentation of their certificates at the Head Office, in Paris, and at any of its Agencies, Hongkong, January 20th, 1921. [978]

## DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, HONGKONG.

NEXT TERM begins on TUESDAY, February 22nd, 1921, at 8.45 A.M.  
New Boys should attend School on MONDAY, February 21st, 1921, at 9 A.M.  
W. T. FATHERSTONE,  
Headmaster. [445]

## THE ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

THE CRUISER RACE originally fixed for Sunday, the 20th inst., is now POSTPONED till SUNDAY, the 20th MARCH, 1921, at 11.30 A.M.  
Hon. Secretary, Sailing Committee. [446]

## NOTICE.

## HONGKONG AMUSEMENTS, LIMITED.

THE CORONET THEATRE and its associated interests have been taken over as from the 8th February, 1921, by the above-named Company, to the Secretary of which all communications should, in future, be addressed. (P.O. Box No. 272).  
H. W. RAY,  
Joint Managing Director,  
HONGKONG AMUSEMENTS, LTD.,  
Hongkong, February 12th, 1921. [448]

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## HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 19th FEBRUARY, 1921, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1920.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th February to the 31st February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.  
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, January 31st, 1921. [348]

## THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

THE THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHARE-HOLDERS in the Company, will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Charter Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 22nd day of FEBRUARY, 1921, at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1920 and declaring a Dividend.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 18th February, 1921, until TUESDAY, the 22nd February, 1921, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
Hongkong, February 2nd, 1921. [376]

## HONGKONG &amp; SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHARE-HOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the OTT HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 26th day of FEBRUARY, 1921, at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1920.  
The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 12th February to SATURDAY, the 26th February, 1921 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.  
By Order of the Board of Directors.  
A. G. STEPHEN,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, February 7th, 1921. [400]

## THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

THE Directors of the above Company have declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND on Deferred Shares for the year 1920, at the rate of 8% per Share.  
Dividends for Shareholders on the Colonial Register, are free of Income Tax and will be paid at the rate of 2/10 per dollar.  
Dividend Warrants will be obtainable on and after SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 1921, at the Company's Office.  
TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from February 19th, to February 26th, both days inclusive.  
JARDINE MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,  
General Managers.  
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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 18TH, 1921.

## MORE GERMAN BLUFF.

Herr von SIMMONS, the German Foreign Minister, addressing the German Diet, has declared that no German statesman dare call on the people to perform forty-two years of corvée under the conditions imposed by the Entente. Germany must, therefore, he said, refuse to sign such an undertaking. If that is the final decision it will be for the Entente Powers, when the decision is officially communicated to them, to take forcible measures to obtain in some other way the reparation to which they are entitled, and which Germany by the Treaty of Versailles pledged herself to make. Germany undertook by that Treaty "to make compensation for all damage caused to civilians, the total obligation to be determined by an Allied Reparation Commission with its headquarters in Paris." Germany's liability has been finally fixed at £11,300,000,000, payable in forty-two years. While the terms have angered the German people, they fall far short of the expectations of France. Huge as the sum is, it fails to reach by a long way "full restitution." M. BRIAND has admitted in the French Chamber that the agreement reached by the Allies was tantamount to a rebate of thirty-five per cent. in France's claims, and he said that France would, consequently, be obliged to borrow internally for a decade to come from ten to twelve milliards of francs a year. All the Powers indeed have recognised the necessity for taking a very big discount off their "perfectly just claims"; but the Germans will be hard put to it to convince the people of the Allied countries that they cannot pay these annuities. Reuter has told us that the view expressed in the British Press is that the burden on Germany will not be so crushing, even at the outset, as the colossal figures at

first sight suggest. "Even in the twelfth year of the annuities the tax of five pounds per head will suffice for a payment which is five times less than the British taxpayer is paying." The amount of compensation was not fixed by the Reparations Commission without the most painstaking investigation into Germany's capacity to pay it, and it has been made perfectly plain that in the opinion of the French experts the German liability has been fixed at far too low a figure and that France has acquiesced more from a desire to assure the unbroken co-operation and solidarity of the Allies for the next half century than from a conviction that a full measure of justice is being exacted from Germany by these decisions. While, for many reasons, we may believe that Germany will not for many years, recover her old position in the trade and commerce of the world, her people are relieved of the heavy burden of armaments they have hitherto borne, and to that extent will be the better able to bear the penalty of the mischievous and costly war policy of the late monarchy. It is not to be supposed that Allied Council has presented its claim for compensation to Germany without considering the means of exacting it if it is not voluntarily paid. When Germany sees that bluffing will fail in this case, as it has done in so many other cases in which it has been attempted, statesmen will doubtless be found in Germany to "dare" to call on the people to accept a burden lighter than the alternative would be likely to prove.

## COMPANY MEETING.

## THE UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Union Waterboat Company was held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., yesterday morning. Mr. G. M. Dodwell presided, and there were also present:—Messrs. R. G. Shewan, A. O. Lang, A. E. Crapnell and S. Yasuda (members of the Consulting Committee), Messrs. F. Ezra, G. R. Edwards, M. S. Northcote, W. Van Epps, and A. Ellis (shareholders) and Mr. C. Gerken (secretary).

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen,—The report and accounts having been in your possession for some days, I will, with your permission, take them as read.

The profit on trading for the year under review amounts to \$30,005.01, a satisfactory increase over that of the previous year, and, including interest and dividends on investments, and the carry forward from last year, there is an amount available for allocation of \$78,217.06.

There has been a heavy demand for water during the year and the Company's fleet has had to work constant overtime in order to cope with it. This has meant that, whilst the boats have been kept in good running condition, there has been little or no opportunity of laying out the older ones for a thorough overhaul. At the last annual meeting your attention was called to the fact that certain extraordinary expenses would probably be incurred in this connection in the near future. A new waterboat was completed and put into commission in November last, and, with this addition to the fleet, your superintendent considers that he will at last be able to lay up an older boat from time to time for the necessary repairs, replating, etc. I may mention that No. 3 Waterboat is at the present moment being slipped for survey. These older boats will then be good for many years more of useful service. It is with this object in view that your General Managers and Consulting Committee have recommended a transfer to special repairs fund of \$9,043.82, bringing it up to a total of \$30,000. Ordinary repairs can always be met out of current revenue, but it is advisable to have a substantial reserve to fall back upon when one is faced with the probability of having to incur extraordinary expenses of this nature.

One other item in the report calls for some explanatory remarks, and that is the recommendation to transfer to insurance fund a sum of \$10,400, bringing it up to a total of \$30,000. This fund, I might remind you, originated in the days when the Company was still operating a few old wooden vessels on which insurance could not be effected except at prohibitive rates. It is thought advisable to increase this fund now to the above figure for the following reasons: Five of the Company's vessels are of considerable age and insurance cannot be effected for more than \$22,000 on each vessel. In the event of loss, through typhoon or accident, the cost of replacing by a new construction of similar type stands to-day in the neighbourhood of \$60,000. By good fortune and careful supervision during the typhoon season, any such loss to the has been avoided in the past, but it is a contingency for which your General Managers and Consulting Committee consider that due and sufficient provision should be made in your reserves.

I think you will agree, gentlemen, that with the allocations to reserve as recommended for these special purposes, your Company will stand in a very sound position and need fear no embarrassment if called upon to face contingencies of the nature I have pointed out to you as possible.

I now beg to propose that the report and accounts as circulated be adopted. After this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any question shareholders may desire to ask.

Mr. E. Ezra seconded the resolution, which was carried without discussion. Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., was re-elected auditor, at a remuneration of \$300, on the proposition of Mr. G. R. Edwards, seconded by Mr. A. O. Lang. This concluded the business.

General Li Lieh-chun with his Yunnan troops, is still on the borders of Hunan-Kweichow and his request for free passage to Kwangtung and Kwangsi through Hunan has been refused by the Hunan Government. It is feared that with the support of General Tang Chi-yao of Yunnan, General Li may attempt to force his way through Hunan to join hands with the Sun Yat-sen party in Canton as he cannot and will not remain on the Hunan-Kweichow borders indefinitely.

General Chang Tso-lin, high inspecting commissioner of the Eastern provinces of Manchuria, has been officially advised by the Cabinet that, as the Chita Government has failed to offer practical guarantees for the effective protection of Chinese residents in the Russian maritime provinces of Siberia, as promised by M. Younin, the Chinese Government will not resume informal negotiations with the Far Eastern Mission in Peking. Further, General Chang has been instructed to suspend negotiations with the Russian Amur authorities and that, in spite of the continued ill-treatment of Chinese merchants and the plundering of Chinese merchant houses in Blagovichenok, the Chinese troops despatched to Heiho by General Sun Lieh-chun of Heilongkiang must not cross the Heiho river or occupy any Russian territory.

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# JAPAN'S AIMS IN THE PACIFIC:

CHICAGO JOURNALS' ADVICE TO UNITED STATES.

## CARPENTIER CONTEST:

TO TAKE PLACE AT MONTE-CARLO.

## RUBBER INDUSTRY OUTLOOK:

EFFECT OF RESTRICTION OF OUTPUT.

### LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

### CARPENTIER FUTURE IN MONTE CARLO.

FOR PURSE OF THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

New York, February 17th. The American "Jeff" Smith will meet Carpentier at Monte Carlo, on March 31st, in a twenty-round contest, for a purse of \$35,000.

### CHILEAN NITRATE INDUSTRY.

### EMBASSY DENIAL OF BRITISH AND JAPANESE DEAL.

WASHINGTON, February 17th. The Chilean Embassy denies the reports that British and Japanese capital has become greatly interested in the Chilean nitrate industry, and says that no Japanese capital is interested.

The Embassy adds that the Chilean Government deplores the report of a British-Japanese-Chilean alliance against the interests of the United States, which entirely misrepresents the correct and cordial relations between Chile and the United States.

### LYNCHING IN ATHENS. CROWD STORMS PRISON.

New York, February 17th. A message from Athens (Greece) says that a crowd of 5,000 stormed the prison, removed a negro detained there on a charge of murdering a white woman, and burned him on the stake. Some members of the crowd entered the building by climbing the roof and burping their way to the cell by blow-torches on door-locks.

### DUTY ON FOREIGN GOODS. DECISION OF AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT.

MELBOURNE, February 17th. The Commonwealth Government has decided that certain refunds arising from the recent High Court judgment laying down the calculation of duty on foreign goods should be based on the commercial rate of exchange, not on the par value of the currency of the country of origin.

### BOMBAY RAILWAYMEN'S STRIKE.

BOMBAY, February 17th. The railwaymen, who came out at Parrell, have resumed work.

### JOHANNESBURG MINERS' STRIKE.

JOHANNESBURG, February 17th. Most of the mine strikers have resumed work, and the majority of the mines are operating practically normally.

### U.S. EMERGENCY TARIFF. NEW MEASURE TO GO BEFORE JOINT CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, February 17th. The Fordney Bill, which was passed by the Senate by 143 votes to 30, will now go, with a score of amendments, before a joint conference of the House of Representatives and the Senate with the object of reconciling conflicting opinions.

### EARLIER CABLES.

SENATE PASSES NEW MEASURE. WASHINGTON, February 17th. The Senate has passed the Fordney Emergency Tariff Bill imposing high duties on farm products, but in a considerably amended form.

### LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

### CARUSO'S ILLNESS. OFFICIAL BULLETIN.

New York, February 17th. The latest official bulletin says that Caruso is much better and great hope of his recovery is entertained, although he is still a very sick man.

### EARLIER CABLES.

### FAREWELL TO METROPOLITAN COMPANY AT BEDSIDE.

New York, February 16th. After saying farewell to members of the Metropolitan Company at his bedside, Caruso rallied, but his condition is still serious.

Caruso has had a series of illnesses since early December. He was first injured by the fall of a stage pillar, then he strained his side by slipping and falling on the stage; and afterwards he burst a small blood-vessel in his throat while singing at Brooklyn. He recovered thereafter successively from lumbago and pleurisy, the latter necessitating two operations to the ribs. He was subsequently suffering from acute emphysema.

### EXCHANGE SPECULATION. TACTICS OF SOME CONTINENTAL COUNTRIES.

LONDON, February 16th. That some European countries are deliberately and systematically inflating the exchange against themselves in order to undersell and get industries going before meeting their indebtedness was the point urged by Sir Peter Rylands, a member of an influential industrial deputation to Mr. Austen Chamberlain to urge the alleviation and postponement of taxation of industries during the present depression. It was pointed out that Continental prices defied British competition. Moreover, there was a great difficulty in obtaining remittances from certain countries.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain replied that the factors mentioned were beyond the Government's control. The difficulty, in the case of markets like India and China, did not concern remittances or exchange, but it was a question of the impossibility of disposing there of goods ordered in Great Britain.

Mr. Chamberlain said it was impossible at present to reduce the income-tax.

### BRITISH SQUADRON AT SMYRNA. TURKS AND GREEKS PREPARING FOR BATTLE.

SMYRNA, February 17th. A British squadron, comprising the battleships *Aias* and the *Centurion*, and five destroyers, commanded by Admiral de Robeck, has arrived here.

### POSITION IN ANATOLIA. CONSTANTINOPLE, February 17th.

Fervid activity prevails in Greek and Turkish camps in Anatolia, but hitherto no serious fighting has taken place.

### NORWEGIAN SHIPPING CLAIMS. NOTE TO UNITED STATES.

CHRISTIANIA, February 17th. The Norwegian Minister in Washington has presented a Note to the United States State Department requesting that the claims of a group of Christiania ship-owners on the American Government for \$14,000,000, in connection with the requisitioning of ships in war-time, be submitted to arbitration unless an amicable settlement is reached soon.

## RAIDS AGAINST BOLSHEVISTS. STARTLING DISCOVERY AT BREST.

PARIS, February 17th. The examination of persons arrested in connection with the Communist movement in France has established the fact that the alleged Bolshevik agent Abramovitch had a deposit of 200,000 francs in an American bank in Paris, the money coming from a German bank.

A number of further arrests throughout France, and also Algeria and Tunis, has taken place. A man named John Minkin was arrested at Brest and found to possess a "passport" signed by the representative of the Soviet Government at Sydney, Australia.

The police have discovered large quantities of stolen explosives in the houses of four men known to be Bolshevik sympathisers.

### EXTREMISM AT A DISCOUNT IN PARIS.

PARIS, February 15th. A Havas message says:—The extremist section of the General Confederation of Labour was again defeated in the ballot for the election of directors of the Paris labour exchange. The papers regard the result as extremely important, as it shows that the extremist agitation is wholly superficial. The Syndicalists or the Unions remain decidedly hostile to Sovietic dictatorship. Two further arrests were made to-day in connection with the Communist plot.

### UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM. LABOUR AMENDMENT TO ADDRESS.

LONDON, February 17th. In the House of Commons, Mr. J. R. Clynes moved an amendment to the Address regretting that the Government had failed to fulfil its promises to introduce legislation for the relief of the unemployed whose numbers had trebled in the past four months.

Mr. Macnamara replied that the Government intended to enforce its unemployment policy and carry out its pledges to ex-Servicemen shortly by increasing unemployment benefits.

### AMERICA'S FINANCIAL OUTLOOK. LOOKING CONFIDENTLY TO THE FUTURE.

WASHINGTON, February 16th. Mr. Houston has agreed to the Judiciary Committee's request not to advance any money to foreign Governments without consulting the Committee.

Mr. Harding the Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, in his annual report, expresses the opinion that the United States has passed the crisis of post-war readjustment. He contemplates the future confidently. America is at present finding her exports only partly paid for, and a large portion of the world trade will soon have to be cut down to the most vital essentials, unless Europe's normal credit and buying power are restored. Mr. Harding advocates the creation of a corporation to arrange long-term credits.

### ALLIED DEBTS TO UNITED STATES. MR. LAMONT'S ASSURANCE TO PRESIDENT-ELECT.

ST. AUGUSTINE (FLORIDA), Feb. 16th. Mr. Thomas Lamont, member of the American Peace Delegation to Paris, visited Senator Harding and gave an unqualified assurance that no agreement or secret understanding whatsoever was made at Versailles as regards the whole or partial cancellation of Allied debts. Americans, without a single exception, vigorously opposed any such suggestion.

Mr. Lamont is a member of the Morgan Company, who are the principal financial agents in the United States of the debtor Powers.

It is understood that Mr. Lamont and Mr. Harding discussed the latter's proposal to convert the debts into negotiable paper.

### DAVIS CUP.

FRANCE AS COMPETITOR.

PARIS, February 17th. France has issued a challenge for the Davis Cup.

## FORTY-TWO YEARS' TOIL. GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S EXCUSE.

BERLIN, February 16th. After conferring with the Baden Cabinet at Karlsruhe, Herr von Simons addressed the Diet and declared that no German statesman would dare to call on the people to perform forty-two years' corvée under the Entente conditions. Germany must, therefore, refuse to sign such an undertaking. Two important factors in the impending clearing up of the situation will be whether Germany will retain Upper Silesia and what will be her relations with the United States.

## CZECHO-SLOVAK COTTON INDUSTRY.

### SCHEME OF BRITISH SYNDICATES.

BERLIN, February 16th. It is reported that two British syndicates have arranged with Midland bankers and one of the Liverpool cotton-brokers to advance £400,000 towards a scheme of exportation of cotton to Czechoslovakia for re-spinning and re-exportation of yarns and ready-made goods to Britain and the Dominions. The enterprise is fully guaranteed by the Czechoslovakian Government and a Czech bank combine.

## AUSTRIA'S PLIGHT.

### CHANCELLOR'S URGENT APPEAL TO GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, February 16th. The Austrian Chancellor has intimated his desire most urgently to visit London to discuss the situation, pointing out that he does not desire to deal with politics nor in any way alter the Peace Treaty. The krona, which a few months ago stood at 600 to the pound, is now nearly 3,000 to £1. The Budget deficit, then seven milliard, is now forty.

## ARCHDEACON WAKEFORD.

### BISHOP OF LINCOLN'S DECISION.

LONDON, February 16th. The Bishop of Lincoln has deprived Archdeacon Wakeford of his benefices and called on him to vacate the Precursor's house within a week. This was the mildest of the three courses open to the Bishop. The Archdeacon will be restored to the benefices if his appeal succeeds.

## TYPHUS QUARANTINE ORDER.

### NOT APPLICABLE TO LINERS FROM BRITISH ISLES.

New York, February 17th. The quarantine order has been modified, and will now apply only to vessels from the Adriatic and certain other European ports. It will not affect the big liners from Great Britain.

## SURGICAL FEAT.

### AMERICAN MEDICAL MAN'S OPERATION.

New York, February 17th. In order to prove that the fear of operation is baseless, Dr. Kane, the saxagenarian chief surgeon of the Pennsylvania Hospital, has performed an operation on himself for appendicitis, using local anaesthetic.

## A BACHELOR'S FORTUNE.

### £827,000 DISPOSED OF IN A WILL OF 136 WORDS.

The will of Mr. Robert Jardine, of 16, Kensington Palace-gardens, which disposed of a fortune of £827,000, consisted of no more than 136 words, including the description of the testator, the revocation of former wills, and the appointment of executors.

Mr. Jardine, who died in November last at the age of eighty-nine years, was a wealthy bachelor, late of Messrs. Ker, Bolton & Co., merchants, of 7, East India-avenue, E.C., and formerly a director of The Shell Transport and Trading Co., Ltd. He left all his property equally between his two nephews, Mr. Robert Jardine Lockhart, of 94, Mark-lane, Manchester, and Mr. Lawrence McLaren, of High-Lee, Wootton, Liverpool—and Mr. Edward Burchell Archer, of 7, East India-avenue, E.C., and appointed these legates as executors. The duties on the property at this valuation will amount to about £270,000.

## FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

### CHINESE FLOUR FOR CZECHS.

LONDON, February 17th. The *Daily Express* says that the Government has sold a large quantity of Chinese flour to Czechoslovakia.

### NEW GOVERNOR OF THE PHILIPPINES.

New York, February 17th. The *New York Times* states that Mr. Harding has decided to appoint Major-General Leonard Wood as Governor of the Philippines.

### JAPANESE REJECTION OF NAVAL HOLIDAY PROPOSAL.

CHICAGO, February 17th. The *Chicago Tribune*, in a leader on the Japanese rejection of the "naval holiday" proposal, says that either Great Britain or America will force a change in the Japanese policy or America will partake in an Asiatic war. Japan's purpose, the journal says, is to obtain control of the Pacific if for no longer than to enable Japanese imperialism to achieve its aims. The *Tribune* urges an Anglo-American understanding, whereupon, it says, Japan will come off the high horse, but if America pursues an anti-British policy, Japan will ride that horse to war.

### WORLD ARMAMENTS AND INTEGRITY OF CHINA.

LONDON, February 17th. The *Morning Post*, in a leader on the question of the British, Japanese and American armaments, says judging by the conditions in China there can be no durable peace until potential dangers are removed, and suggests a conference, including representatives of the United States, Japan, Great Britain and such other nations as may be advisable, to determine a scheme to ensure the future integrity of China.

### AMERICAN WIRELESS CONTRACT IN SHANGHAI.

New York, February 17th. The *New York World's* Washington correspondent says that the State Department has notified China that the United States Government will regard as an unfriendly act China's cancellation of the contract with the American Federal Telegraph Company for the erection of a high-powered wireless plant in Shanghai.

The Note was sent after enquiry was made into the alleged activities of a British company to have the American contract abrogated.

The *New York World* adds that the State Department has sent a communication to the British Foreign Office on the subject.

### FUTURE OF RUBBER INDUSTRY.

LONDON, February 17th. The rubber situation was discussed by Mr. Hotchkiss, President of the General Rubber Company, in an interview with a *Financial Times* representative. Mr. Hotchkiss was disinclined to regard the present slump, if it does not last too long, as an unmitigated evil, after last year's over-trading. There was no indication of an early recovery. From the manufacturing standpoint, he approved of the Rubber-Growers' Association's movement for the present restriction of output, provided that the latter was purely voluntary, but he strongly opposed artificial schemes tending to force up prices or Government interference. The General Rubber Company's belief that the present trouble was only temporary was demonstrated by the fact that, despite the curtailment of tapping operations in Malay States and Sumatra, all labourers were retained and otherwise utilised. He regarded that a fair price for plantation product.

### AMERICAN PACIFIC FLEET PLANS IN HAWAII.

HONOLULU, February 16th. Plans for the expansion of the Pearl Harbour as a United States naval base at Hawaii, with a view to enabling it to supply accommodation to the entire Pacific Fleet are now under way, according to Rear-Admiral Shoemaker, who has just arrived here to take command.

Vice-Rear-Admiral Fletcher has been transferred to the American Naval Commission at Rio de Janeiro. Rear-Admiral Shoemaker says that the plans should not be interpreted in a way to give the impression that the United States expects trouble, but as a routine development tending to greater efficiency and fulfilling the original purposes of the station, as part of the Pacific Fleet will very soon be based on Hawaii.

## UTOPIA OR CHAOS?

### LORD GREY ON EUROPE'S CHOICE. NEED FOR A REAL LEAGUE.

Viscount Grey of Fallodon on January 14th, received the freedom of the city of Glasgow in the presence of a large number of representative citizens.

After Lord Grey had signed the Burgess Roll the Lord Provost said that he was the greatest Foreign Secretary of modern times and represented the highest type of British character.

Lord Grey, who was received with much cheering, recalled the anxious days which immediately preceded the outbreak of war in August, 1914, and said he believed the actual date originally fixed for giving him the freedom was August 14th of that year. One of the things which contributed materially to the unanimity of the country was that the Cabinet were able to come before Parliament and say that they had not made a secret engagement behind their backs. They went to the House of Commons not merely with the question of what our own interest demanded, but with the invasion of Belgium, as they knew, imminent. They went also with the question of honour, and about honour there could be no argument. (Cheers.) When, in the effort to avoid war, they proposed a conference to Germany, he thought that Germany might, quite reasonably, have said she was ready for war, and that a conference might give France and Russia time to mobilize, and therefore she must have guaranteed. But Germany rejected the conference unconditionally. He had often wondered whether he did right in asking the German Government to suggest any other means by which war could be avoided. He might have said that, in refusing a conference, Germany must accept responsibility for war, but what was in our mind was not manoeuvring for position and throwing the blame on somebody else if war broke out, but a single-minded desire to avert war altogether if possible.

What I do feel about this country, said Lord Grey, is that the general sense of the community will show that, as has often been the case before when other nations have been driven to extreme courses, there has been an element of stability and solid sense in this country which has sought for remedies by peaceful means, but by steady and peaceful reform. (Cheers.) But I do feel that it is essential that there should not be another war, and if there is not to be another war, we must see that in Europe there does not grow up again the state of things that there was before the war. (Cheers.) Proceeding, Lord Grey said he agreed with those who said there should be no secret treaties. He had made some, but that was in time of war when they were inevitable. Men talking incidentally the military conversations with France, he pointed out the significance on our part that these conversations were now to be made public. The state of Europe before the war was one of alliance and counter-alliance and competition in armaments.

A PEACEFUL REVOLUTION. Lord Grey also recalled that he prophesied to the Austrian Ambassador that if war took place something like a revolution would follow in every country which took part in it. It was now beginning to come home to us that, in spite of the apparent prosperity just after the war, we were a poorer country than we were before. We were facing part of the consequences in the beginning of unemployment. He was sure the country was facing that problem more seriously than it had ever done, and that if the Government, municipalities, trade unions, and all classes pulled together, however serious a problem might be, when all classes pulled together they had never failed yet to grapple with it, if not completely at any rate satisfactorily. We had not got revolution in the Russian sense, and he was not one of those who believed we should have it.

RELATIONS WITH OUR ALLIES. I am as strong as anybody could be, Lord Grey continued, that we ought to maintain the closest possible relations with our late Allies, especially with France and Italy. I say nothing about the United States for the moment, because the United States is waiting for declaration of policy from its newly-elected President. Until that policy is declared I think any attempt to anticipate what line the United States may take, and still more any attempt to influence that line, would be perfectly futile and probably mischievous. The Triple Alliance made by Germany after 1870 brought into existence the Franco-Russian Alliance, which led to competition in armaments. If we let things take the same course again in spite of the warnings of this war, we shall have the same result. It is absolutely necessary to keep some Council of the Nations together. Keep them in touch; keep your relations with your Allies, but watch for any tendency to this growth of competition in armaments and when any nation is beginning to force the pace in the competition of armaments then let the Council of the Nations prevent that competition growing up as before the war. To do that you must have something which keeps nations in touch and keeps them together. Some people say that in a League of Nations there will not be any certainty. There will not be a certainty, but I am quite convinced if you have another war 20 years hence it will, in a sense, be like this war, but it will be infinitely worse and there will be a certainty that it will destroy the civilization of Europe. If you tell me the League of Nations is Utopia the answer I give is: "I prefer the chance of Utopia to the certainty of destruction." (Cheers.)

### MARY AND HER LAMB ON THE RIVIERA.

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For this experiment the person to be lifted lies on his back on a table. The boxer stands on one side of the body and his assistant—for he must have an assistant to do the trick—on the other side. He then places one of his forefingers under the shoulder of the man and the other forefinger under his knee. His assistant does the same thing.

Then the two lifters breathe, with all the power of their lungs, all along the body, from the neck to the feet. They puff together with a rhythmical accord, and repeat it 20 times.

Lefevre then counts aloud "one, two, three," and the "miracle" is accomplished, for without the slightest apparent effort they lift the body straight up with their forefingers, and hold it in that position five or six seconds, about 13 inches above the table.

Then, as if the body recovers all its weight, it tumbles down on the table, and the experiment can be repeated.

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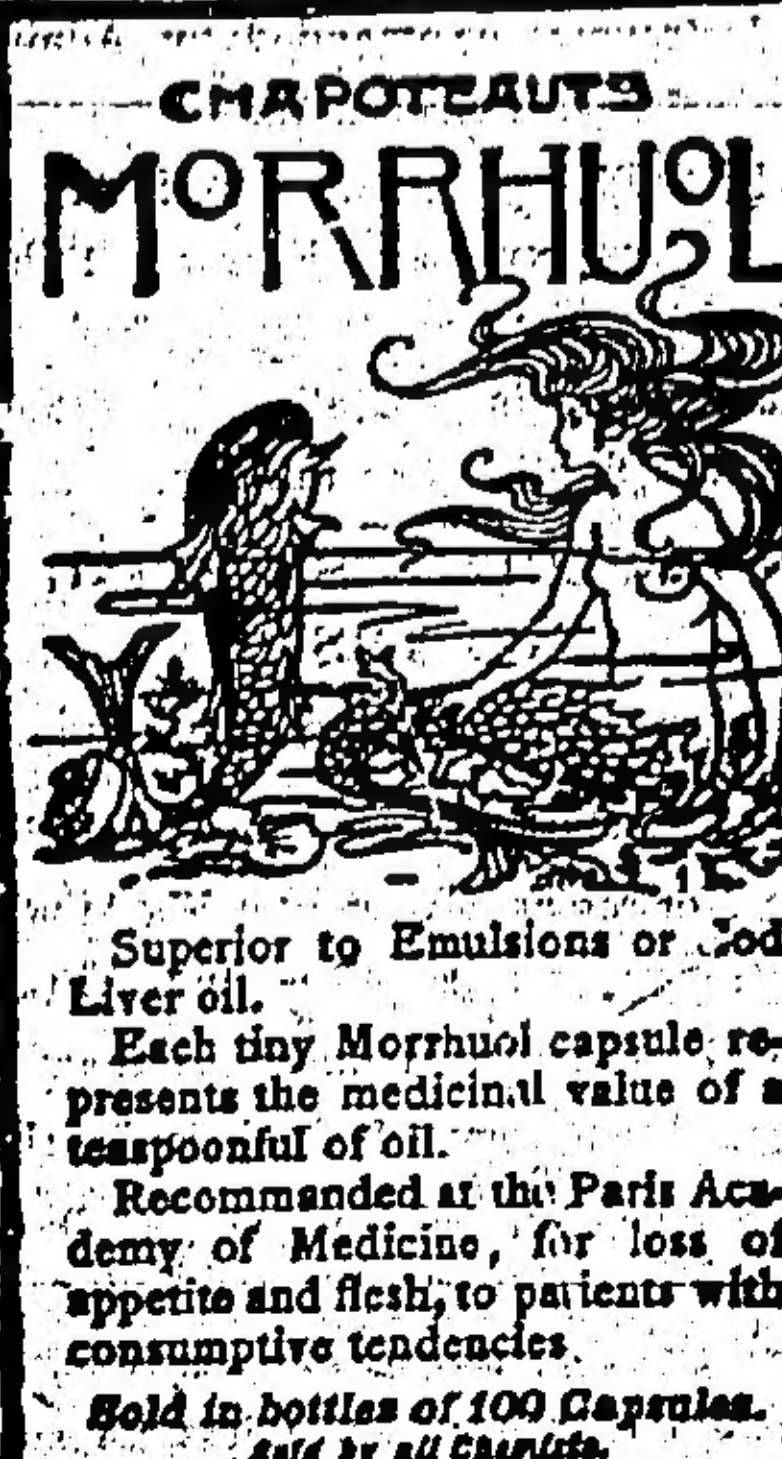
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"Is the Cabinet meeting over?" he inquired. "Yes, sir," I see Lord Kitchener is still here?" and he pointed to the waiting car.

He was on the point of saying something else when the door of the Prime Minister's residence opened and a bulky khaki figure came out.

MASK AND SMILE.

Lord Roberts went forward with outstretched hand, while Kitchener brought himself smartly to the salute. Then they grasped each other firmly by the hand and continued the cordial handshake for fully half a minute, smiling broadly—such a smile as I had not seen on the War Minister's face before.

Kitchener's whole countenance lit up with an unexpected joy, and for the first and only time I saw the cold mask dropped, revealing an almost boyish happiness.

For the moment the worries of office were forgotten. Question and answer were quickly interchanged. Then they began to discuss the affairs of war. Their voices were lowered almost to a whisper as the confidences passed. Then the smiles broke out again. Once more they clasped hands and firmly held on as if the one were loath to leave the other.

"Good-bye," said Kitchener. "Good-bye," returned "Bobs" cheerfully. Again Kitchener saluted smartly and went slowly towards the car. "No, thank you," said Lord Roberts, "I'd rather walk."

The last I saw of Kitchener that day was as he waved his hand to the dapper little gentleman who walked briskly out of Downing-street into Whitehall.

Little did I, and probably they, think at the time that this public parting was their last. A day or two later Lord Roberts set out for France to mingle once more with his well-loved Indian troops. When the news of his sudden death within sound of the guns came to hand I was told that Lord Kitchener appeared momentarily stunned by the suddenness of it, but he gave no sign of his emotion in public. His almost daily visits to Downing-street were marked by the same icy coldness of bearing.

CLOAK OF MYSTERY.

Of all the military men who came to Downing Street none wrapped himself so closely in a cloak of mystery as Lord Kitchener.

He was a man of whom the public had seen little prior to the war, but his great services on many a field of battle and in high administrative posts had made his name a household word. The public made of him an idol, modelled on the stern, grim face of a constant fighter that magazine reproductions of old photographs showed.

In reality Lord Kitchener's appearance was different. To me he gave the impression of a man who had been suddenly called back to duty from a life of comparative ease and luxury.

Gone was that steady look in his eyes. The dark hair and moustache had turned grey; and there was the general flabbiness about his wrinkled face that heralded the coming of old age and considerably softened the hitherto sternness of his visage.

Although he was one of the most frequent of military visitors, the people saw very little of him. Curious Londoners, who prior to 1914 could not have directed a stranger to Downing-street, came to pay him homage. As soon as his large military car turned the corner from Whitehall those in the crowd who had learned to know the vehicle by sight would whisper his name in awed tones. A low cheer would rise as the car drew up, a khaki-clad figure would step out, and the idol would disappear into No. 10 before those who had specially come to see him had got more than a fleeting glimpse.

Usually one of the first to arrive when a full Cabinet was sitting, he was very often the last to leave. Others went away in pairs, but this tall military man went solitary, his cold aloofness keeping at a respectful distance those whose advances were not wanted. Autograph-hunters who plagued others fought shy of approaching him.

HIDDEN DEPARTURES.

No one knew when he was expected. Early morning or late at night were the times chosen for departure when he was leaving the country. Not a word would leak out as to his whereabouts until he had made a safe return. His chauffeur would drive the car to York House, where his master had been given apartments, and there he would learn that Lord Kitchener had left the night before for some unknown destination. The car would continue to call each day until the War Minister came to take his seat as if nothing unusual had occurred.

This secrecy about his movements was maintained up to the time of his ill-fated journey to Russia.

The news of the Hampshire with the loss of many lives stunned Downing-street as if it had been struck by a thunderbolt. All was for a time as quiet as the grave. I heard a servant girl, who poked her head out of the door of No. 11, ask the nearest man in a frightened whisper if he had heard the news. "It is awful," she said. "Hasn't Mr. Lloyd George had a lucky escape? He was to have gone, too, you know. He was only kept back by pressure of business."

So the subdued murmuring went on until the newsgoers were shouting in Whitehall. I never saw people look so dumbfounded. They didn't seem to understand. Kitchener, however, impossible! They came into Downing-street, men and women, looking as if they had lost their mental balance, each one asking, "Is it true?"

Compared with Kitchener, Earl Haig was practically an unknown man to sightseers. His visits to the Premier were kept close secrets. Not until late at night, when Downing-street was deserted, would he arrive in company with an alert private secretary, Sir Philip Sassoon.

His calls were few and far between, but strangely enough they were made at such times when civilians might have been disturbed to hear he was away from General Headquarters. The visits were of brief duration, and his return to France was usually the signal for the start of some big movement.

Only once do I remember him calling during the daytime. This was some days preceding the opening of the first Somme attack. On this occasion he was accompanied, among others, by Marshal Joffre.

What a happy and contented-looking man was the famous French chief! Surrounded by a band of staff officers, he was the life and soul of the party. Laughter was part of his existence, and his round figure and plump, rough face might easily have led one to believe that he was a jolly country gentleman whose serene outlook even Armageddon could not dim.

In Sir Basil Wemyss (now Lord Wester Wemyss) as First Sea Lord, this country had a counterpart of Joffre. The sailor was pleasantness personified. We did not see a great deal of him, but with his sprightly step, monocle, stick, and kid gloves he brought a welcome combination of sea breeziness and town dandyism to the street.

On the other hand, Sir William Robertson was inclined to be sad in expression. Sometimes his square head would be carried high and proudly. At other times it would hang down, as if forward as if fearing that he might infect others with gloomy forebodings. This sadness was never more obvious than on the day when the Cabinet decided upon air raid reprisals. He left the meeting a thoroughly downhearted man. Yet he knew how to be happy and make others happy.

Two youths one day ran after him and Lord Derby with an autograph book. The latter had just taken his seat in his motor-car, when one of the boys made his shy request for his autograph. With a big smile the soldier complied, and then handed the book over to Lord Derby. The boys skipped away with glee, but their enjoyment seemed no keener than that of Sir William Robertson.

For unaffected geniality among the military callers I unhesitatingly award the palm to General Pershing of the U.S. forces. Tall and graceful-looking in his well-fitting uniform, and with a face wreathed in smiles, he was surely the man to dispel dull care from any assembly.

On the first occasion he came to Downing-street he was accompanied by Lord Brooke. Neither of them knew how to manipulate the patent knob on the door of No. 10, a turn of which gave admission to Ministers. They rang the bell and waited.

Meantime General Pershing paid much attention to his appearance, loosening his collar, pulling down his short military coat neatly, and flicking off little particles of dust which had no business to be there. In short, he looked as though he was pulling himself together for an important business interview.

**FIELD PUNISHMENT.**

CIVILIAN FAILS IN ACTION AGAINST HIS COLONEL.

The action against a lieutenant-colonel for sentencing a man at Boulogne to field punishment No. 1 ended in the King's Bench the other day.

Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Clifford, of the Army Printing and Stationery Service, was sued by Mr. Charles B. Andrews, of Lavender-sweep, Clapham Junction, for damages for false imprisonment. Andrews claimed that as he had not been sworn in he was a civilian.

Andrews wrote to London that an improvement could be made in the administration of the depot, and suggested that he receive a commission to effect the improvement. He sent that in one of the green envelopes which were for private family matters and were, therefore, uncensored.

For this he received 14 days' Field Punishment No. 1, this consisting of being strapped to a post for two hours each day, and being put to hard labour.

The Lord Chief Justice said the law provided that if an officer acted in good faith, however wrong he might be, he would be protected. In this case he was the commanding officer, and the use of the green envelope was reported to him from London to take action upon. Although he was dealing with a matter that contained an adverse criticism on himself, that was not sufficient to justify the jury coming to the conclusion that he was malicious.

The jury found for the lieutenant-colonel, and the Lord Chief Justice said he thoroughly agreed, although they all had sympathy with Mr. Andrews. He added he should have found for the defendant, under the Public Authorities Act, whatever the jury's verdict had been.

Judgment was entered for defendant. No order was made as to costs.

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S'pore, Pt. Swt., Hong Kong & Canton ... "FOOKSANG" ... Tues., 22nd Feb., 2 p.m.  
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW ... "TOSAO" ... Wed., 23rd Feb., 8 a.m.  
SANDAKAN ... "HINSANG" ... Wed., 23rd Feb., Noon.  
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S.S. "FREMOKESHIRE"	...	25th Mar.

HOMEWARDS.

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M/V. "GLENARA"	about 1st Mar.	GENOA, LONDON & ROTTERDAM.
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## SHIPPING NEWS

## ARRIVALS.

February 17th.  
Kaiping, French str., 117 tons, Capt. Paulin, from Pakhoi, with a general cargo—Seng Koo.  
Lowther Castle, British str., 2,740 tons, Capt. Hughes, from Shanghai, with a general cargo—Dodwell & Co.  
Ningpo, British str., 1,228 tons, Capt. W. J. Fraser, from Bangkok, with rice—B. & S.  
Toson Maru, Japanese str., 2,838 tons, Capt. Suzuki, from Bangkok, with rice—Ray and Falconer.  
Uwajima Maru, Japanese str., 683 tons, Capt. Sugimoto, from Keelung, with coal—Yamashita.

## CLEARANCES.

February 17th.  
Borneo Maru, for Koba.  
Changsha, for Manila.  
Derwent, for Saigon.  
Hydrangea, for Swatow.  
Jade, for Haiphong.  
Kawana, for Hoio.  
King On, for Hongkong.  
Kwangsai, for Tientsin.  
Kwangsai, for Shanghai.  
Kweilin, for Shanghai.  
Lok Sang, for Hoihow.  
Sutsuma, for Manila.  
Sui Sang, for Saigon.  
Tokie Maru, for Koba.  
Victoria, for Manila.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Delagoa Maru* (Bombay line) left Kobe for this port via Moji on February 16th, and is expected here on February 23rd.  
The s.s. *Karamela* left Singapore for Hongkong on the 16th instant at 5 p.m. with the outward English mails, and is due here the 21st instant, about 5 p.m.  
The R.M.S. *Monteagle* left Vancouver on February 16th, and is due at Yokohama on or about February 23rd.  
The R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* left Vancouver on February 16th, and is due at Yokohama on or about February 23rd.  
The N.Y.K. s.s. *Yeboshi Maru* (Calcutta line) left Singapore for this port on February 16th, and is expected here on February 25th.  
The s.s. *West Ivan* (Waterhouse line) from Seattle, Vancouver, Japan and Manila left Cebu for this port yesterday, and may be expected to arrive here on or about February 25th.  
The s.s. *Mentor* (Blue Funnel line) left Shanghai yesterday for London, Amsterdam and Hamburg, via Hongkong. The vessel is due here on February 26th, and will leave on February 27th at noon.  
The T.K.K. s.s. *Shinyo Maru* arrived at Yokohama on February 16th, and sails to-day for Honolulu and San Francisco.

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

Alipore, due February 20th, about 4 p.m.  
Anjo Maru (T.K.K.), due March 5th.  
Atrous (Blue Funnel), due March 23rd.  
Autolichus (Blue Funnel), due March 28th.  
Benarty (Ben line), outward bound, due February 19th.  
China (P.M.), from Singapore, due February 20th.  
Egremont Castle, due about March 13th.  
Hedridge (Admiral line), due about February 26th.  
Eipenor (Blue Funnel), due March 20th.  
Idomenus (Blue Funnel line), from England, due March 11th.  
Inaba Maru (N.Y.K.), from London, due March 17th.  
Jason (Blue Funnel), due March 10th.  
Kashmir (P. & O.), from Singapore, due 20th inst., about 2 p.m.  
Kecman (Blue Funnel line), from Europe, due February 26th.  
Kisano Maru (N.Y.K.), from London, due March 2nd.  
Korea Maru (T.K.K.), due 27th inst.  
Muran Maru (N.Y.K.), from Calcutta, due February 22nd.  
Pawles (Admiral line), due March 7th.  
Pyrrhus (Blue Funnel), due March 31st.  
Telamon (Blue Funnel line), from England, due February 28th.  
Tetmachus (Blue Funnel), due April 19th.  
Titor (Blue Funnel line), from England, due 17th inst. at 4 p.m.  
Tottori Maru (N.Y.K.), from Liverpool, due February 21st.  
Wakasa Maru (N.Y.K.), from Liverpool, due March 3rd.  
Yamagata Maru (N.Y.K.), from Japan, due February 15th.  
Yeboshi Maru (N.Y.K.), from Calcutta, due February 21st.  
Yokohama Maru (N.Y.K.), from Japan, due February 23rd.

## UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

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Takata... Hakodate  
Gakeng... Shanghai  
Pivator... Shanghai  
Yewling, Foywo Firm... Shanghai  
Wing Cheong... Shanghai  
Su Koo, Des Voex... Amoy  
Hardeman Hongkong Hotel... Osaka  
Hagiwaramiyo, 271, No. 2... Nagasaki  
Yakuraku Street... Shanghai  
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Fanchin, 120, Tung Man Street... Shanghai  
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EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 21	Apr. 14
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 7	May 1
EMPERESS OF JAPAN	Apr. 28	May 18
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 17	June 7
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	May 28	June 19
EMPERESS OF JAPAN	June 14	July 6
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	June 23	July 11
EMPERESS OF ASIA	July 7	July 28

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## WEATHER REPORT.

February 17th, at 11.42.—Pressure has increased considerably from Weihaiwei to Haiphong, an anti-cyclone having formed over China. It has decreased considerably at Weihaiwei and is nearly stationary in southernmost districts.

A depression which formed to the south of the Loobos yesterday morning is apparently situated in the Sea of Japan this morning.

Strong monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 1.33 inches against an average of 2.41 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

DISTRICT	FORECAST
Hongkong to Gap Rock	N.E. winds, (strong) fine.
Formosa Channel	The same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook	The same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

FEBRUARY 17TH, 1921.

Station.	Hour	Barometer at Sea Level	Temperature	Humidity	Wind		Weather.
					Direction.	Force.	
Vladivostok	6 a.	29.54	3		SEW	6	b
Nemuro	5						
Hakodate	5						
Tokio	5						
Kochi	5						
Nagasaki	5						
Kagoshima	5						
Osaka	5						
Shanghai	5						
Yokohama	5						
Manila	5						
Haiphong	5						
Swatow	6 a.	30.24	24	87	NEW	3	o
Tientsin	5						
Peking	5						
London	5						
Amoy	5						
Shanghai	5						
Yokohama	5						
Manila	5						
Haiphong	5						
Swatow	6 a.	30.04	57	63	N	4	o
Tientsin	5						
Peking	5						
London	5						
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## POST OFFICE NOTICE

## INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DATE
EUROPE via Suez (Newspapers only)		
London 13th Jan, parcels 5th Jan.		
JAPAN	Tokyo	18th inst.
SHANGHAI	Yamagata Maru	18th inst.
STRAITS	Ichikawa	19th inst.
SHANGHAI	Nado Maru	19th inst.
STRAITS	Suiyang	19th inst.
SHANGHAI	Kashmir	20th inst.
STRAITS	Alipora	20th inst.
SHANGHAI	Armand Behio	20th inst.
STRAITS	China	20th inst.
STRAITS	Totori Maru	21st inst.
STRAITS	Karnata	21st inst.
STRAITS and CALCUTTA	Yeboshi Maru	21st inst.
STRAITS and CALCUTTA	Muroran Maru	22nd inst.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Yokohama Maru	23rd inst.
JAPAN	Delagoa Maru	23rd inst.

## OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Hoihow and Haiphong...	Lakeang	Friday, 18th, 8.00 A.M.
Philippine Is., Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand, via Thursday Is. ...	Victoria	Friday, 18th, 8.30 A.M.
Haiphong	Haikang	Friday, 18th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow and Bangkok...	Foshing	Friday, 18th, 11.00 A.M.
Bangkok	Haidia	Friday, 18th, 1.00 P.M.
Tientsin	Kwangsu	Friday, 18th, 1.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands	Loongang	Friday, 18th, 2.00 P.M.
Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kaiping	Friday, 18th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai and North China	Wing Sang	Friday, 18th, 5.00 P.M.
Saigon	Heishin Maru	Friday, 18th, 5.00 P.M.
Saigon, Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, *L. Marques, *South Africa, *India via Dhanushkodi, Aden and EUROPE via MARSEILLES	Armand Behio	Saturday, 19th, 5.00 P.M.
*Swatow, *Amoy and Keelung	Kaijo Maru	Sunday, 20th, 9.00 A.M.
Philippine Islands	Tulihyria	Sunday, 20th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foshing	Haichang	Sunday, 20th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai and N. China	Suiyang	Sunday, 20th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai, N. China, and Japan	Kashmir	Monday, 21st, 11.00 A.M.
Tientsin	Chongshing	Monday, 21st, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai and North China	Chung	Monday, 21st, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow and Bangkok	Chung	Monday, 21st, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Foshing	Hoi Hong	Tuesday, 22nd, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai and North China	Sachuen	Tuesday, 22nd, 11.00 A.M.
Java and Port Moresby via Sourabaya	Ohidar	Tuesday, 22nd, 11.00 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Calcutta & Aden...	Foshing	Tuesday, 22nd, 1.00 P.M.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Tengao	Wednesday, 23rd, 8.00 A.M.
Swatow, *Shanghai and *N. China	Chikang	Wednesday, 23rd, 9.00 A.M.
Sandakan	Hinang	Wednesday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kwangsu	Wednesday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.

\* Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

## THE BLUE FUNNEL LINE.

## REGULAR AND FAST FREIGHT AND PASSENGER SERVICES LONDON SERVICE (DIRECT).

"MENTOR"	22ND FEB. London, Amsterdam & Hamburg.
"TEIRESIAS"	1ST MAR. Amsterdam, London & Antwerp.
"HELENUS"	8TH MAR. London, Amsterdam & Hamburg.
"STENTOR"	11TH MAR. London, Amsterdam & Antwerp.
"NINGCHOW"	22ND MAR. London, Amsterdam & Hamburg.

## LIVERPOOL SERVICE (DIRECT OR VIA CONTINENTAL PORTS).

"ACHILLES"	2ND MAR. Genoa, M'illes, L'pool & G'gow.
"TELAMON"	16TH MAR. Singapore & Liverpool.
"KT. OF THE GARTER"	29TH MAR. Genoa, M'illes, L'pool & G'gow.
"IDOMENEUS"	12TH APR. Havre & Liverpool.

## PACIFIC SERVICE (VIA KORE AND YOKOHAMA).

"TEUCER"	23RD FEB.
"TALTYBIUS"	16TH MAR. Victoria, Seattle, Tacoma & Vancouver.
"TYNDAREUS"	6TH APR.

## NEW YORK SERVICE (VIA SUEZ OR PANAMA).

"EURYPYLUS"	2ND MAR. via Suez.
"MENTOR"	22ND FEB. for London.
"TEIRESIAS"	1ST MAR. for London.
"STENTOR"	11TH MAR. for London.
"IDOMENEUS"	12TH APR. for Liverpool.
"PYRRHUS"	3RD MAY. for London.
"ANCHISES"	21ST JUNE for Liverpool.
"MENTOR"	5TH JULY for London.
"TEIRESIAS"	19TH JULY for London.

FOR FREIGHT AND ALL INFORMATION APPLY TO BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE, AGENTS.

## ASIA BANKING CORPORATION

(AN AMERICAN BANK).

Capital	U.S. \$4,000,000
Surplus and Undivided Profits	U.S. \$1,489,000

HEAD OFFICE:

NEW YORK.

Head Office for the Orient,

SHANGHAI.

BRANCHES:

CANTON	HANKOW	MANILA	TIENTSIN
CHANGSHA	PEKING	SINGAPORE	

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## COMMERCIAL.

## OPENING QUOTATIONS.

February 7th.

ON LONDON—		
Telegraphic Transfer	.....	3/5
Bank Bills, on demand	.....	3/5
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	.....	3/5
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	.....	2/5
Credit, at 4 months sight	.....	2/5
Documentary Bills, 4 months sight	.....	2/5
ON PARIS—		
Bank Bills, on demand	.....	845
Credit, 4 months sight	.....	705
ON NEW YORK—		
Bank Bills, on demand	.....	48
Credit, at 60 days sight	.....	51
ON BOMBAY—		
Telegraphic Transfer	.....	—
Bank Bills, on demand	.....	1804
ON CALCUTTA—		
Telegraphic Transfer	.....	—
Bank Bills, on demand	.....	1804
ON SHANGHAI—		
Bank Bills, at sight	.....	—
Private, 30 days sight	.....	—
ON YOKOHAMA—		
On demand	.....	9 1/4
ON MANILA—	On demand—Pesos	111
ON SINGAPORE—	On demand	108
ON BATAVIA—	On demand	125
ON HATYONG—	On demand	nom.
ON SINGAPORE—	On demand	—
ON HONGKONG—	On demand	584
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate		\$7.80 1/2
GOLD LEAF 100 fine, per tael		\$51.80
BAR SILVER per oz.		34d.

Hongkong	20 cents place	0.30 Discount.
Hongkong	10	0.18
Canton	20	19.00
Canton	10	0.00

## HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the Minimum Monthly Balances at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

A. G. STEPHEN, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 29th, 1920. [9]

## THE BANK OF CHINA.

## 行銀國中

(Specially authorized by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

Authorized Capital ... \$60,000,000.00  
Paid-up Capital ... 12,279,800.00  
Reserve Funds ... 7,798,023.00

## HEAD OFFICE—PEKING.

HONGKONG BRANCH:—20-21, Canton Road Central, Branches and Sub-branches all over China and Correspondents in Japan, New York, San Francisco, Singapore and Manila.

LONDON BANKERS:—The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.  
The Guaranty Trust Company of New York.  
New York Bankers:—The Irving National Bank.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits, Terms on application.  
Every description of Banking Business transacted.  
Loans granted on approved securities.  
Special facilities for Home Exchange.  
Interest on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
For 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum.  
For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

TSUYEE PEI, Manager.

Hongkong, February 7th 1921. [78]

## CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA &amp; CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1852.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

Paid-up Capital ... \$3,000,000  
Reserve Fund ... \$3,000,000  
Reserve Liability of Proprietors ... \$3,000,000

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS TRANSACTED.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS open and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

J. L. BROOKHATT, Manager.

Hongkong, January 1st, 1921. [50]

## BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE (FRENCH BANK).

Subscribed Capital ... Frs. 150,000,000  
Paid Up Capital ... Frs. 75,000,000  
Reserve Funds ... Frs. 60,000,000  
Deposits ... Frs. 825,000,000

The Chinese Government Owns one-third of the Capital.

Chairman of the Board: André Berthelot

General Manager: A. J. Parnotte

HEAD OFFICE: 74, Rue Saint-Lazare, PARIS.

## BRANCHES:

Lyon Hongkong Yunnanfu  
Marseilles Hankow Vladivostok  
Peking Singapore Foshing  
Shanghai Canton Swatow  
Tientsin Saigon Yokohama  
Hankow Haiphong Moukden  
New York London Antwerp  
Bordeaux Tientsin Phnom-Penh  
Dunkerque Batavia

## BANKERS:

In FRANCE: Société Générale pour favoriser le Développement du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France.

In LONDON: London Joint City & Midland Bank Ltd.

In SAN FRANCISCO: Crocker National Bank.

Correspondents in the Chief Commercial Centres of the World.

Telegraphic Address: CHIBANKIND.

Interest on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Local Currency and in Gold Terms on application.

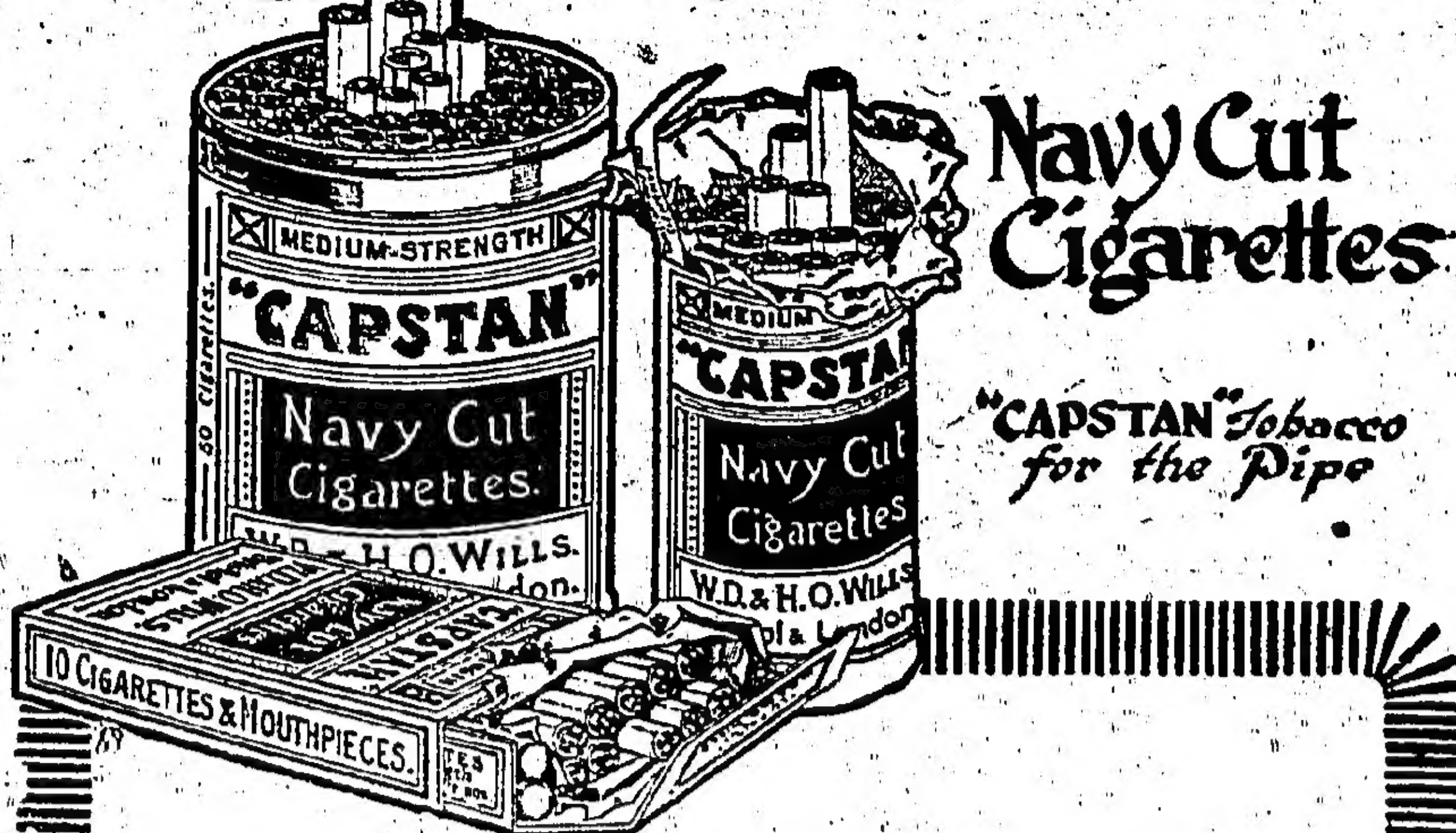
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Special facilities for French exchange.

M. MONTAGNIER, Manager.

Hongkong, January 20th, 1921. [51]

## "CAPSTAN"



ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE CONNOISSEUR  
TO STAND ALONE PURITY AND CHARM  
OF FLAVOUR.

Packed in Tins of 50 and packets  
of 20 & 10 Cigarettes.

OBTAINABLE AT ALL STORES.

This advertisement is issued by British-American Tobacco Co. (China), Ltd.

## THE BANK OF TAIWAN, Limited.

(TAIWAN GINCO).

Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter, 1899.

Capital Subscribed ... Yen 60,000,000  
Capital (Paid-up) ... 45,000,000  
Reserve Funds ... 9,800,000

## HEAD OFFICE—TAIPEI, FORMOSA.

## BRANCHES:

JAPAN—Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, Moji.

FORMOSA—Guan, Kagi, Kankou, Keelung, Makung, Nanto, Finan, Shingchiu, Taitan, Tainan, Takow, Tamsui, Toiyen, Akoi.

CHINA—Shanghai, Hankow, Kinkiang, Amoy, Foshing, Swatow, Canton.

OTHERS—Hongkong, Bangkok, Singapore, Soerabaya, Semarang, Batavia, Bombay, London, New York.

## LONDON BANKERS:

LONDON COUNTY WESTMINSTER AND PARLIAMENTARY BANK.

The Bank has Correspondents in Commercial Centres in the European Continent, Russia, Manchuria, Tangier, Japan, Indo-China, Siam, India, Philippine Islands, Java and other Dutch India, Australia, America, &c.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits at rates which will be quoted on application.

S. KONDOH, Manager.

HONGKONG BRANCH: 8, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, September 1st, 1920. [41]

## BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE (FRENCH BANK).

Head Office: 151, Rue La Fayette, Paris.

Subscribed Capital ... Frs. 72,000,000.00  
Paid up Capital ... Frs. 68,400,000.00  
Reserve Funds ... Frs. 69,567,208.54

## BRANCHES:

Bangkok Hongkong Saigon  
Batavia Hongkong Shanghai  
Canton Hongkong Singapore  
Djibouti Noumea Tientsin  
Haiphong Peking Tientsin  
Hankow Phnom-Penh  
Hanoi Pondichery

## BANKERS:

In FRANCE: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et de Pays-Bas; Crédit Industriel et Commercial; Société Générale.

In LONDON: The National Provincial and Bank of England Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais.

In NEW YORK: J. P. Morgan & Co.; Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.

V. MARBOT, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, November 1st, 1920. [66]

## THE MERCHANT BANK OF INDIA, Limited.

HEAD OFFICE:

15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

Authorized Capital ... £3,000,000  
Subscribed Capital ... £1,800,000  
Paid-up Capital ... £1,050,000  
Reserve Fund ... £1,050,000

## BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND, THE LONDON JOINT CITY & MIDLAND BANK, LTD.

Branches: Bombay Hongkong Kuala Lumpur Rangoon Calcutta Howrah Madras Shanghai Colombo Kandy New York Singapore Delhi Karachi Penang Galle Kota Bharu Port Louis (Mauritius).

## HONGKONG BRANCH:

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts to 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at rates that may be ascertained on application.

T. C. WILSON, Acting Manager.

7, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, June 30th, 1920. [43]

## THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, Limited.

HEAD OFFICE—

No. 2, Queen's Road Central, HONGKONG

Established 1919.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ... \$2,000,000.00  
RESERVE FUND ... 500,000.00

## DIRECTORS:

Mr. Fong Wai Tse, Chairman

Mr. Chow Shun Son, Mr. Kan Ying Po, Mr. Li Koon Chun, Mr. Mok Ching Kong, Mr. Fung Ping Shan, Mr. Wong Yun Tung, Mr. P. K. Kwok, Mr. Chan Ching Shai, Mr. Ng Chang Lok, Mr. Kan Chin Nam.

Chief Manager: Mr. Kan Tong Po, Asst. Manager: Mr. Li Tse Fong.

## BRANCHES &amp; AGENCIES:

LONDON NEW YORK  
SHANGHAI SAN FRANCISCO  
Kobe NAGASAKI  
SINGAPORE YOKOHAMA  
TIENTSIN SAIGON  
MANILA HANKOW  
SAMARANG BATAVIA  
SOURABAYA

London Bankers:—The London Joint City and Midland Bank, Ltd.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Loans granted on approved securities.

Interest allowed on Current Deposits Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on Savings Accounts from 2 per cent. per annum, and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—

For 3 months at the rate of 3 1/2 per annum

For 6 months at the rate of 4 1/2 per annum

For 12 months at the rate of 5 1/2 per annum

KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, October 1st, 1920. [51]

## THE CHINA SPECIE BANK, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE:

8, Gzowar's Building, Hongkong.

Chairman of Board of Directors: Mr. WONG SHIU HAM.

Chief Manager: Mr. L. S. HOLM.

Asst. Manager: Mr. K. T. WONG.

Hongkong Manager: Mr. L. P. ALLEN.

Foreign exchange and General Banking business transacted.

Current, Savings, and Fixed Deposits bear interest at rates of 2 per cent., 4 per cent. and 5 per cent. per annum, respectively.

L. S. HOLM, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, October 2nd, 1920. [119]

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital ... \$15,000,000  
Reserve Funds ... \$1,500,000  
Sterling ... \$2,000,000  
Silver ... \$2,000,000  
Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$15,000,000

## COURT OF DIRECTORS:

Hon. Mr. R. V. D. FARR—Chairman; A. H. CORRIE, Esq.—Deputy Chairman; G. M. DODD, Esq.; Hon. Mr. J. JOHNSON; G. T. M. EDKINS, Esq.; A. O. LANG, Esq.; A. S. GIBBY, Esq.; W. L. PATTERSON, Esq.; Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK; J. A. FLAMMER, Esq.

Chief Manager: A. G. STEPHENS, Esq.

Hongkong—A. G. STEPHENS, Esq.

Acting Manager: Shanghai—H. G. STER, Esq.

## LONDON BANKERS:

LONDON COUNTY WESTMINSTER AND PARLIAMENTARY BANK, LIMITED.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in local CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in local Currency and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application.

A. G. STEPHEN, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 25th, 1920. [8]

## THE INDUSTRIAL &amp; COMMERCIAL BANK, LTD.

Head Office:—6, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong Branch:—Pavlov Building.